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Canadian Parliament Buildings are in Ruins

ORIGIN OF FIRE IS A MYSTERY --- SUSPICIONS LAST NIGHT OF INCENDIARISM

Fire Spread With Incredible Rapidity; Many Members Had Narrow Escapes from Death

House Was in Session at Time—Two Known Victims Are Quebec Women, Who Were Guests of Speaker Sevigny's Wife—Mme. Sevigny Herself Escaped by Jumping Into Fire Net—Hon. Martin Burrell is Severely Burned—Policemen Were on Guard at Both Doors of Room Where Fire Started.

(By Morning Bulletin Leased Wire)

OTTAWA, Feb. 3.—Five o'clock this morning saw the whole common body, with the single exception of the parliamentary library, a mass of gutted ruins. The four outer walls are standing, and the skeleton sties of the main tower are still there. But with the exception of the press room and other offices in the extreme western portion of the building, none of the extensive eastern part of the senate, the interior is so completely destroyed as to be rendered useless.

Five o'clock this morning also saw the assured loss of five lives in the fire, three men besides the two women known to be dead earlier in the evening. The loss was practically established. The main victims, according to evidence from different sources, are: Dominion Policeman Alphonse Desjardins of Fair View; Alphonse Desjardins, steam fitter in the House of Commons, uncle of the police officer, and Robert Fanning, a waiter.

Besides the incalculable loss through the sweeping away of a historic pile, stored with old traditions and crowded with priceless records, this is an actual damage sustained by the public exchequer of not far short of \$4,000,000. The original contract for the building was in the neighborhood of \$5,000,000, but since then it has been added to very extensively. It is estimated that to replace it now will cost the country at least \$4,000,000. There was no insurance on it for the government does not carry insurance on the public buildings.

OTTAWA, Feb. 3.—The parliament buildings of Canada are a mass of flames tonight. The tower stands out like a blazing beacon on Tower Hill, and all around it is a cauldron of fire.

The splendid Gothic building, which since 1867 has been the home of Canada's legislature, is doomed to utter destruction, and the loss, when morning comes, will be computed in millions.

If the fine old library of parliament, which at midnight still stood immune from the flames, is drawn into the vortex the loss to the Dominion cannot be computed in dollars and cents.

At least two are known to be dead. They are Madame Morin and Madame Bray, guests of the speaker. One minister of the crown, Hon. Martin Burrell, who was in his office, lies at the hospital gravely injured. He was in the chair, had presence of mind to escape from the fire. The following are also reported among the dead: Robert Fanning, a waiter; Alphonse Desjardins, Dominion policeman; Alphonse Desjardins, plumber, and a fourth man whose name is yet unknown.

More May Have Been Lost.

How many may have been trapped in the back portions of the great gallery, or in the galleries throughout the building, will only be known when friend, or relatives make known their losses, for no trace of any man or woman caught in that fire will ever be found again. The fire will range as one of the most disastrous in the history of the Dominion.

At eight o'clock the house assembled as usual, with thirty members in their seats and a hundred visitors in the galleries.

A. K. Macdonald had finished speaking and W. F. Loggie had just commenced. A messenger put his head through the chamber door behind the sergeant-at-arms, and shouted "fire." Two minutes later smoke rolled down through the corridor from the reading room, and flames roared down behind it. Members rushed this way and that.

E. N. Rhodes, who was in the chair, had presence of mind to adjourn the house. Those who endeavored to seek exit by the back were met with rolling smoke and scorching flames.

The first who got out from behind the speaker's chair escaped down toward the main entrance without mishap.

Dr. Clarke's Narrow Escape.

Dr. Clarke, of Red Deer, and Edward Nesbitt, were tangled among the chairs on their way back from the other side and were met with the full force of the hose as they emerged in front. They were hurled to the floor half stunned, and both were badly cut and burned before they escaped.

Men stumbled and fell, and others helped them to their feet and dragged them through the suffocating smoke. From the very heart and source of the fire there staggered a man burned about the head and almost suffocated. He emerged from the inferno of the corridor, and fell into the arms of Hon. Robert Rogers.

It was Hon. Martin Burrell, minister of agriculture, whose room was within the reading room, where the fire commenced, and who is now in the hospital. The utter uselessness of the conflagration was almost past belief. Three minutes after the fire call was rung in the corridors were a belching sea of smoke. Five minutes after no man could live, where several scores had breathed free air five minutes before. Two minutes after the fire call was rung in the corridors of smoke which rolled over tower hill. An hour after the fire commenced the tower clock tolled ten across a scorching clod where once had been the House of Commons. At eleven, the clock again struck the hour with the flames curling round its stately length, while from the scarp side the flames joined these from the tower chamber. At midnight the whole structure was burning from east to west, and up the hollow of the tower flames were creeping to stop the hands of the faithful clock.

Tower Falls at 1 O'Clock.

At one o'clock the top of the tower fell, a flaming mass into the heart of the pyre. A violent calamity had occurred, and a national tragedy had been enacted.

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ORIGIN OF THE FIRE MAY REMAIN EVER A MYSTERY

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OTTAWA, Feb. 3.—The origin of the fire is a mystery. It may never be known. There were suspicions last night of incendiaryism, possibly by a German agent, but as policemen were at guard at both doors of the room where the fire started and others in the room itself, it would have been difficult for anyone to deliver a bomb without being detected. A considerable cigar box may have been, though, emitting in that quarter is supposed to be prohibited.

Police with thousands of loose papers, the floor covered with a mass of refuse, and a crowd of people standing in the corridors, it was not until the fire had reached a stage to stand with an alarm, incommunicable, possibly.

At the same time the smoke rolled forth in a mass of suffocating volume. While an alarm was sounded, the escape of members, people in the galleries and the house, was not until the fire had reached a stage to stand with an alarm, incommunicable, possibly.

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Members Assert They Heard Explosion Before Fire Began

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OTTAWA, Feb. 3.—Members of the House of Commons asserted today that they heard an explosion in the main corridor of the House of Commons, just before the fire broke out. The explosion was heard by several members, including Mr. David Henderson, who was in the main corridor at the time. He heard a crash, and then a loud explosion. He rushed into the corridor towards the main entrance, and found the fire had already started.

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HOUSE TO MEET AGAIN TODAY SAYS PREMIER

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THE CORNER STONE WAS LAID IN 1859

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Recruiting For Highland Battalion Begins In City At 2 O'clock This Afternoon

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OTTAWA, Feb. 3.—Recruiting for the 194th Highland Battalion, the Edmonton Highlanders, will begin at 2 p.m. today at the recruiting office, 100 St. James Street, in the Macdonald hotel. Already over 80 men have offered themselves.

Colonel McKinney will personally supervise the recruiting, and it is hoped that the affair at the parliament buildings at Ottawa will aid in a whirlwind campaign.

Colonel McKinney has already received offers of men from St. Paul des Metis, Banbury, Vegreville, Morinville and Peace River.

A big percentage of the commissions will be reserved for men who enlist as privates, as was the case with the 1st battalion, which was recruited in the quickest time in record.

Pay and full allowances will start from the moment of enlistment and men will be put in temporary barracks in Edmonton and training will start immediately.

Style of Architecture Italian Gothic of the 13th Century

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In the Realm of Women

BY PENELOPE

Over the Tea Caps

Mrs. Primrose will not be receiving this afternoon.

As a mark of recognition of her services as organist of the First Baptist Church, the deacons have presented Mrs. J. Grace Craig, formerly Miss Peggy Kemp, with a silver certificate.

Mr. William Short, who expects to return home about the middle of February, has had a delightful sojourn in the south. Havana, Cuba, and New Orleans were points visited. On his return trip, Mr. Short will spend a few days in New York.

What is considered to be the most successful Wednesday night dinner-dance yet held at the Macdonald was that of last Wednesday evening when the dancing people, spectators and dancers gathered in the dining room in the evening. There were several dinner parties.

The N.C.O.'s and men of the 138th Overseas Battalion are giving a dance on Friday night, February 4th, in the ballroom, corner of Peace avenue and Ninth street.

Mr. H. T. Cherry of the 138th

Be Careful in Using Soap on Your Hair

Most soaps and prepared shampoo contain too much alkali, which is very harmful to the scalp. It makes the hair brittle.

The best thing to use is just plain milled coconut oil, for it is pure and mild, and does not irritate the scalp. It is also the most expensive soap or anything else that is pure. You can get this at any drug store, and a few ounces will last the whole family for months.

Simply massage the hair with water and rub it in, about a teaspoonful in all that is required. It makes the hair shine, and it is also the most effective of rich, creamy hair, cleanses thoroughly, and rinses out easily. The hair dries quickly and evenly, and is soft, fresh, looking, bright, fluffy, wavy, and easy to manage. Besides, it is so easy and takes out every particle of dirt, dirt and dandruff.

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